

## U.S. EPA Accepting Comments on the Cleanup Plan for Tar Pollution North Shore Gas South Plant

Waukegan, Illinois

Open House: 3 to 6 p.m.
Public Hearing: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
May 20, 2015
Comment Period: May 6 – June 5, 2015

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently issued a proposed plan to clean up an area of undissolved tar-like liquids beneath the North Shore Gas South Plant. Written comments on the proposed plan can be sent between May 6 and June 5, 2015 in these ways:

- By mail to: Heriberto León, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 5 (SI-7J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.
- Via the Web at: www.epa.gov/ region5/cleanup/northshoregassouth.
- Fax to: 312-697-2754
- Email: leon.heriberto@epa.gov.

U.S. EPA officials will answer individual questions about the plan at an **open house** from 3 to 6 p.m. They will also make a formal presentation and accept written and oral comments at a **public hearing** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Both the open house and public meeting will be on **Wednesday**, **May 20**, at the Lilac Cottage in Bowen Park, 1911 N. Sheridan Road, Waukegan. U.S. EPA will make its plan final only after reviewing all comments. The proposed cleanup plan may be modified based on new information or public comments so your opinion is important.

U.S. EPA is recommending a cleanup plan to manage an area of undissolved tar-like liquids called dense non-aqueous phase liquid, or DNAPL. This hazardous material lies beneath the North Shore Gas Former South Plant MGP site. The plan calls for removing DNAPL using recovery wells and treating it off-site. DNAPL is contaminating the underground water at the site.

More information is available at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County St., and at www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/northshoregassouth.

For special accommodation at the May 20 public meeting, contact U.S. EPA's Heriberto León by May 15 at 800-621-8431, Ext. 66163, 8:30 a.m. – 4 30 p.m., weekdays.